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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of:

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sirs:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 22, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION:

Paragraph, page 6, lines 9-18:

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The display workstations 112-116 preferably allow their operator to save operator preferences in the PACS system 106 for future retrieval and subsequent application. As an example, the display workstations 112-116 may identify an operator by login name or by querying the operator for an identification code. As the operator works with the preprocessing functions, the operator may develop a preference for application of specific preprocessing

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functions. The display workstations 112-116 save the operator preferences 118 in, for example, the preprocessing database 110. When the operator logs in at a later time, the display workstations 112-116 query the database for the operator preferences 118 (e.g., based on login name, or operator ID) and retrieve any preferences found.

Paragraph, page 6, lines 19-27:



The display workstations 112-116 may then apply the retrieved operator preferences 118 by default to any raw image data currently retrieved by the display workstations 112-116. The operator preferences 118 may include additional information other than the preferred preprocessing functions, including screen resolution, image layout and position, and color information. Furthermore, the operator preferences 118 may additionally be stored based on anatomical areas of interest. For example, the operator preferences 118 may include the default preprocessing functions to be applied for neck images, and the default preprocessing functions to be applied for chest images.

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 were originally presented and remain pending in the present application. It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims define allowable subject matter.

The specification was objected to because of the following informalities: "in, for example, in the" should be changed to "in, for example, the" on page 6, line 15 and "additional" should be changed to "additionally" on page 6, line 24. Applicants submit two paragraphs, page 6, lines 9-18, and page 6, lines 19-27, with the Examiner's referenced changes made, and respectfully request that the revised paragraphs be accepted and the objection be withdrawn.

Claims 1, 7, and 14 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fisher et al. (4,833,625) in view of Keeler et al. (5,479,573). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.